

REMARKS

Status of the Claims:

The Office Action dated April 16, 2004 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1-4 are in the application. Claims 1-4 stand rejected. Claims 1, 3 and 4 are amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lui et al. (US Patent 6,340,977) and Harvill et al. (US Patent 6,559,845). Claims 1 and 4 are amended to more accurately define the invention. Claim 1 is amended to specifically include "pictorial representations of an actual object." In contrast, Lui is directed to "application programs" that have some form of assistance provided by "an informative assistance object independent from the original source code or development environment." (as disclosed in the abstract and in various portions of the specification) Obviously, this does not teach pictorial representations, and it is respectfully submitted that "application programs" do not suggest "pictorial representations." The claimed invention includes the advantage of supporting illiterate persons and persons with impaired vision since, in the case of impaired vision, the pictorial representation may be more recognizable than sequential letters that may be seen as a "blur."

Still further, claim 4 includes the limitation of "non-language symbols" for selection so that illiterate and visually impaired persons may use the claimed invention.

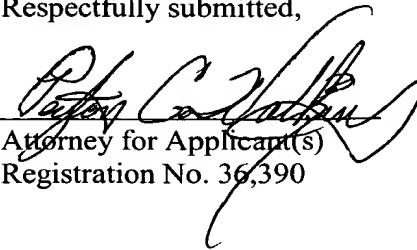
Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that Lui and Harvill do not teach the claimed invention individually or in combination.

Summary

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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